Electricity connections to unauthorised colonies in Delhi

2052. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Civic Authorities have decided to give electricty connections to all the unauthorised colonies in Delhi which came into existence prior to 1981;

(b) if so, how many such unauthorised colonies are likely to be benefited by this decision and what is the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred in providing the facility;

(c) whether the concession amounts to abetment in encouraging illegal construction activities and encroachment on public and private lands besides influx to the city adding to the problems of the people with increasing population and consequential effect on the Delhi Master Plan; and

(d) if so, whether with a view to discouraging the growth of illegal construction activities and encroachment on public and private land, Government propose to formulate an urban policy to streamline the working of the entire system in this regard, if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) A decision to this effect has been taken by the Delhi Administration.

(b) The N.D.M.C. has intimated that one such colony is likely to be benefited in its jurisdiction and the likely expenditure involved will be Rs. 18 lacs. So far as the area under the control of M.C.D./D.E.S.U. is concerned, no estimation of the number of such colonies likely to be benefited by the aforesaid decision or the expenditure involved on their electrification is possible at this stage, as this would depend upon the requests made and verification thereof by the concerned authorities.

(c) and (d) This aspect was considered by the Estimates Committee (1978-79) (Sixth Lok Sabha) in para 62 in its 36th Report. It was stated before the Committee that water/electricity is 'such a basic elemental and fundamental facility that it must be provided on humanistic consideration'. The Committee recommended that if new water and electricity connections have got to be provided in the unauthorised colonies, the minimum that should be done to discourage unauthorised construction is that at the time of providing these connections, the owner should be categorically informed in writing that provision of these amenities will not give them any right to claim validation of unauthorised construction at a later date. The recommendations of the Estimates Committee were accepted by the Government and necessary instructions were issued to all concerned accordingly. These instructions have since been reiterated and the Delhi Administration, M.C.D., N.D.M.C., D.E.S.U. etc. have been asked to follow the same.

मध्य प्रदेश की सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिए स्वीकृत राशियां

2053. श्री कैलाश पति मिश्र: क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1984-86 में मध्य प्रदेश के लिए कुछ मध्यम एवं बड़ी सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिए जो धनराशि स्वीकृत की गई थी वह व्यपगत: हो गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा इस स्वीकृत राशि का उपयोग न किए जाने के क्या करण है ;

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द): (क) जी हां।